

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of James Von Boeckman, who passed away  
5 on June 23, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman served as an Illinois State  
7 Representative for the 45th District from 1965 to 1966 and  
8 from 1971 to 1981; during his tenure, he served as chairman  
9 of the House Motor Vehicles Committee and later as executive  
10 chairman of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Laws Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was born on January 23, 1923  
12 in Pekin, Illinois to Carl and Agnes Sipka Von Boeckman; and

13 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman attended the University of  
14 Illinois at Chicago and Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
15 in Boston; and

16 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a World War II Navy  
17 veteran, attaining the rank of fireman 1st class; he was a  
18 member of William Schaefer American Legion Post 44 and Pekin  
19 AMVETS Post 235; and

20 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a member of Pekin  
21 Supervisors Club and the Pioneer Club of Corn Products Co.;  
22 he served as a night superintendent and supervisor of new  
23 construction for Corn Products Co. International for 38  
24 years, retiring in 1985; in addition, he served as president,  
25 secretary-treasurer, and shop steward for Oil, Chemical and  
26 Atomic Workers Local 7662; and

27 WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman served as vice president of  
28 the Peoria-Tazewell County Industrial Union Council CIO and  
29 the Peoria-Tazewell Council Labor Council AFL-CIO, serving as  
30 chairman of the COPE Committee for both councils; and

1           WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman recently served on the  
2 Tazewell County Board since 1999; he has also served as a  
3 member of the County Board from 1959 to 1965, becoming  
4 chairman in 1964; and

5           WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman also served as Tazewell  
6 County deputy sheriff; and

7           WHEREAS, James Von Boeckman was a past member of the  
8 Tri-County Planning Commission, the Pekin United Fund, the  
9 Pekin Boys Club Board, the Pekin Planning and Zoning  
10 Commission, and the board of directors of the Tazewell County  
11 American Red Cross, where he was a 20-gallon donor; in  
12 addition, he was a member of Eagles Aerie 1869, the Loyal  
13 Order of the Moose Lodge 916, the Benevolent and Protective  
14 Order of the Elks Lodge 1271, and a member of St. John's  
15 Lutheran Church in Pekin, where he served as chairman of the  
16 board; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1977, at the annual convention of the  
18 Assembly of Government Employees, James Von Boeckman was  
19 named one of the nation's top ten state lawmakers; in  
20 addition, he received an award in recognition and  
21 appreciation of his outstanding legislative service from the  
22 Urban Counties Council of Illinois in 1980; and

23           WHEREAS, The passing of James Von Boeckman will be deeply  
24 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 60  
25 years, Norma; his sons, James (wife, Vicki) and Steven (wife,  
26 Jill); his daughters, Barbara (husband, Edward) Huber and  
27 Bonnie (husband, Russell) Jarmusz; his sisters, Louise  
28 (husband, Don) Ronvich and Carol Johnson; his 2  
29 grandchildren; and his 14 great-grandchildren; therefore, be  
30 it

31           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
32 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of former  
2 Illinois State Representative James Von Boeckman of Pekin,  
3 Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of James Von Boeckman with our  
6 sincere condolences.